(c) Pursuant to Government decision taken in November, 1997 on the details of phased dismantling of administered pricing mechanism, suitable adjustments in the prices of domestic LPG and Kerosene for public distribution are required to be made to reach the subsidy level at 15% and 33.33% of import parity respectively, by 2001-2002. On full de-regularisation, 2002 onwards, the subsidies will be transferred to fiscal budget of the Government.

Petrol pumps in Gujarat

274. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol pumps which are working in the Gujarat giving company-wise dealership of each district of the State;

(b) whether it is a fact that all the four petroleum companies have given labour contacts to run their some of petrol pumps in different districts of Gujarat;

(c) if so, the list of the names of the company, the name of the labour contractor and the period from when such labour contract is given; and

(d) the reasons for not regularising the working of petrol pumps run on labour contract, by giving regular dealership by Petroleum companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) As on 1.4.2001, the company-wise number of retail outlets in operation in the State of Gujarat was as under:—

Name of the Company	Number of retail outlets
Indian Oil Corp. Ltd.	468
Bharat Petroleum Corp. Ltd.	288

Name of the Company	Number of retail outlets
Hindustan Petroleum Corp. Ltd.	254
IBP Co. Ltd.	124

(b) to (d) There are 37 retail outlets being operated as COCO by the oil marketing companies through Labour Contractors in the different districts of Gujarat.

As per the existing policy, as and when a regular dealer is selected by the Dealer Selection Board, the RO being run on COCO basis is handed over to the dealer-select.

Opening up of New Petrol Pump near Baijrao, Pauri Garhwal

275. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are few petrol pumps on the Muradabad-Tehri Raj Marg and no petrol pump in the hill region between Ramnagar and Baijrao particularly;

(b) if so, whether Government have any proposal to open a petrol pump near Baijrao, Pauri Garhwal on the said State highway;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any feasibility survey has been carried out in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) There are 20 retail outlets in operation on the Muradabad-Tehri Raj Marg. There is no retail outlet in operation in the hill region between Ramnagar and Baijrao.

(d) A feasibility study of the location Baijrao was conducted and it was found unviable.

Scarcity of CNG distributors

†276. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is still a scarcity of CNG distributors in the country;

†Original notice of question was received in Hindi.